

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
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6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
running guest software in a processor mode that enables the guest software to  
operate at a privilege level intended by the guest software;  
identifying an attempt of the guest software to perform an operation restricted by  
said processor mode;

determining whether that the attempt of the guest software would succeed fail if the guest software was running outside said processor mode; and allowing the guest software to attempt the operation ~~if the attempt of the guest software would not succeed if the guest software was running outside said processor mode;~~ and exiting said processor mode to transfer control over the operation to a virtual machine monitor running outside said processor mode if the attempt of the guest software would succeed if the guest software was running outside said processor mode.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

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17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

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30. (Cancelled)

31. (New) The method of claim 9 wherein determining that the attempt of the guest software would fail includes determining that the guest software is running with insufficient privilege to perform the operation.